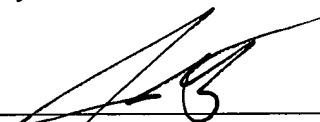


REMARKS

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed June 15, 2004, Applicants present this Preliminary Amendment to add an abstract to the specification. If there are any questions concerning this Preliminary Amendment, please contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4719.

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Respectfully submitted,

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